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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1 - 2, 4 - 7, and 11 and add claims 12 - 15, as indicated herein.

1. (Twice amended) A filter cartridge comprising a strip, continuous fiber non-woven fabric prepared using a spun bonding method, the fabric comprising a thermoplastic fiber in which at least a part of fiber intersections is thermally adhered, wherein the strip, continuous fiber non-woven fabric is wound around a perforated cylinder in a twill form.

2. (Amended) The filter carthdge as described in claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic fiber Constituting the continuous fiber non-woven fabric is a thermally adhesive composite fiber